

1. Do I qualify for the Troops to Trucks (Military Skills Test Waiver):
 - A. I am a Virginia resident currently holding or eligible for a Virginia driver's license (proof of legal presence may be required).
 - B. I am active duty military (including the Reserves and National Guard) or have been discharged from the military within the last 12 months.
 - C. If you answered YES to BOTH A and B, proceed to Step 3.
 - D. If you answered NO to A and YES to B, proceed to Step 2.
 - E. If you answered NO to B, you do not qualify for this program. For more information about obtaining a commercial driver's license (CDL), refer to [Applying for a CDL](#).

2. If you do not already hold a Virginia driver's license, you must be issued one before applying for a CDL or commercial learner's permit (CLP). If you wish to apply for Troops to Trucks at the same time you apply for a Virginia driver's license, you may do so. Refer to [Applying for a Driver's License](#) for more information. Proceed to Step 3 if you are eligible and intend to obtain a Virginia driver's license.

3. For the past two years or for the two years prior to your discharge from the military, have you held a military operator's permit and operated a vehicle representative of the CDL classifications that you are applying for? Refer to [CDL Classifications, Endorsements and Restrictions](#) for more information.

If you answered YES, proceed to Step 4. If you answered NO, you do not qualify for the skills test waiver.

4. During the **past two years**, have you:
 - A. held more than one license concurrently (except for a military operator's license)?
 - B. had any license suspended, revoked or cancelled?
 - C. been convicted of any of the following major offenses:
 - Driving with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.08% or greater (state law or local ordinance)
 - Being under the influence of a controlled substance (state law or local ordinance)
 - Operating a CMV with a BAC of 0.04% or greater
 - Refusing a blood and/or breath test
 - Leaving the scene of an accident
 - Using a vehicle to commit a felony
 - Driving a CMV when, as a result of prior violations committed operating a CMV, your CDL was revoked, suspended or canceled, or you were disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle
 - Causing a fatality through the negligent operation of a commercial motor vehicle
 - Using a vehicle to commit a felony involving a controlled substance
 - D. been convicted of more than one of the following serious convictions:
 - Speeding 15 or more miles per hour in excess of the posted speed limit
 - Driving recklessly
 - Improper or erratic lane changes
 - Following the vehicle ahead too closely
 - A violation in connection with a fatal traffic crash
 - Driving a commercial motor vehicle without obtaining a CDL
 - Driving a commercial motor vehicle without a CDL in your possession
 - Driving a commercial motor vehicle without the proper CDL class and/or endorsements for the specific vehicle group being operated or for the passengers or type of cargo being transported
 - Texting while operating a commercial motor vehicle
 - Using a hand-held mobile phone while operating a commercial motor vehicle
 - Any offense while driving a commercial motor vehicle involving a railroad crossing
 - E. had, in any type of motor vehicle, any conviction for a violation of military, state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control (other than a parking violation) in connection with any traffic crash?
 - F. had a record of an accident in which you were fault?

If you answered NO to ALL of the questions above (4A-4F), proceed to Step 5. If you answered YES to ANY of the questions above (4A-4F), you DO NOT qualify for Troops to Trucks.

5. Congratulations, you qualify for Troops to Trucks! Complete the following steps in order to apply:

Prepare for the knowledge exams. You will be required to successfully complete all applicable knowledge exams for the type of commercial motor vehicle(s) you wish to drive. To access the CDL Manual, practice exams and other information, visit [CDL Knowledge Exams](#).

NOTE: Test failures will not extend deadlines for any Troops to Trucks requirements. Additionally, if you fail the general knowledge exam three times, you will not be permitted to take it a fourth time until you complete the classroom portion of a Virginia approved Driver Training school for commercial motor vehicles. The Driver Training Certificate must be provided to DMV and it must have been completed after your third failure. For more information, refer to [CDL Knowledge Exams](#).

Determine how you should self-certify that you will be operating commercial motor vehicles. For more info, refer to:

- o [CDL Medical Certification Requirements](#)
- o [CDL Medical Certification Requirements FAQs](#)

If you intend to operate commercial motor vehicles in a “non-excepted” category, you must:

- o Obtain a U.S. Department of Transportation physical examination conducted by a certified Medical Examiner listed on the [National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners](#)
- o Be issued a medical examiner’s certificate and provide a copy to DMV
 - NOTE: You are not required to obtain a medical examiner’s certificate if you intend to operate commercial motor vehicles in an “excepted” category

Complete the CDL Skills Test Waiver Military Application ([DL 13](#)). Your commanding officer or a designee must certify that you possess a military operator’s permit and that you have at least two years of experience operating the types of commercial motor vehicles you wish to be licensed to drive. Refer to [CDL Classifications, Endorsements and Restrictions](#) for more information.

Visit a DMV customer service center and bring with you the following:

- o CDL Skills Test Waiver Military Application ([DL 13](#))
- o Virginia driver’s license OR if you have not yet been issued one, you will be required to show certain documents. Refer to DMV’s Acceptable Documents for Obtaining a Virginia driver’s license ([DMV 141](#)) for a complete list of the documents DMV accepts
- o Commercial Driver’s License Application ([DL 2P](#))
- o Medical Examiner’s Certificate (if applicable) issued by a certified Medical Examiner listed on the National Registry
- o Military Discharge Document (DD-214, WD-AGO, DD-256 or NGB-22) OR a U.S. Active Duty/Reservist Military ID Card if you are still enlisted. (Applicants who were dishonorably discharged are not eligible for Troops to Trucks)
- o Applicable licensing fees

Successfully complete a DMV vision screening and all applicable CDL knowledge exam(s).

Additional Information:

- You will be issued a temporary driving permit (TDP). Your permanent CDL will be mailed to you.
- If you are interested in obtaining assistance with employment or would like to receive updates about the Troops to Trucks program, request a Placement Interest Questionnaire at a DMV customer service center after you have successfully obtained a CDL. Complete the form and mail or fax to the address at the bottom of the Placement Interest Questionnaire.
- If you are not eligible to apply for Troops to Trucks, you still may be able to participate in the Military’s Third Party Training program offered at many of Virginia’s military bases. Contact Greg Escobar at 804-367-1008 or email Greg.Escobar@dmv.virginia.gov.